

# City of La Verkin

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## La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

**Present:** Mayor Kerry Gubler; Council Members: Chantelle Browning, Richard Hirschi, Ken Hooten, Micah Gubler and Randy Reeve; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee and Christy Ballard; Public: Rose & John Valenti, Phyllis Terrana, Paul Mogle, and Corey Petersen.

*Troylinn Benson has been excused.*

- A. Called to Order** – Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Chantelle Browning at 6:00pm.
- B. Consent Agenda:** (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Mayor or City Council.)
1. Declarations of conflict of interest
  2. Agenda
  3. Minutes: April 20, 2016 and May 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes
  4. Review Invoices and Checks: \$257,991.90

**Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written, including the April 20, 2016 and May 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes, and checks and invoices for \$257,991.90, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Roll Call Vote: Browning-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hooten-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Committee Reports:**

1. Planning Commission-Councilman Hirschi reported a public hearing was set for June 8, 2016 for a proposed lot split for the property located directly south of Davis Farmers Market.
2. Water Board-Mayor Gubler reported the Water Board has not met. The City is encouraging everyone to water their yard/fields between the hours of 6pm-10am. Staff has a blue tag that will be put on people's door that has sprinklers on during the day. It is only an information tag.
3. Sewer Board-Councilman Hooten reported the meeting is next Thursday. There is a full time position open at the District. Seventeen people applied and they will be interviewing the next few days.
4. Fire District-Councilman Hirschi reported the Fire District hired a new Deputy Fire Chief.

**D. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:**

Phyllis Terrana-She has lived in the community since 1989. It was her dream property. She knew it was a kids hang out because there were beer and wine bottles all over the place. She fixed the property up and thought that would be the end of it. However, during the first year when she came back her roof was torn off. There was asphalt all over. She filed a police report and then the police never came back. A couple trips later when they came back down, the guesthouse door was smashed in. The police said it was probably kids. A report was made and the police never came back. The third time, in the same year, her root cellar door was smashed in breaking six crates of glass canning jars. A police report was made and the police never came back. The fourth thing was they actually broke into her house. Breaking and entering is a serious crime. No citizen wants to hear "oh, it's just kids" but that is what she heard when she filed the report.

She has checked and all of the police reports are on file. But the police officers never came back, never gave her a report, never said anything about being vandalized and having her property destroyed four times in one year. She only brings this up because she doesn't feel safe here. This was supposed to be where she retired and felt safe. This was just the beginning of the vandalism she has dealt with in the 27 years she has lived in La Verkin. It looked like a nice safe community but she doesn't feel safe here at all.

**E. Business:**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution R-2016-08; A resolution expressing appreciation for Intermountain Healthcare on its 40th Anniversary in Washington County; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Gubler explained the County sent this resolution to all of the communities.

Councilman Hooten has experience with Intermountain Health Care. He has had experience over the years with many different hospitals and this one is by far the best one he has been involved with.

Councilman Hirschi agreed, however he would like to see some competition come in.

Mayor Gubler was in a meeting with Intermountain Health Care where they reported the new Cancer Center being built would be the leading cancer center in the world.

The practices located at the old hospital deals with will move to the new campus as well.

**Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten to approve Resolution R-2016-08, a resolution expressing appreciation for Intermountain Healthcare on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Washington County and providing an effective date, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Hooten-yes, Hirschi-yes, Browning-yes. Motion passes unanimously.**

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Work Release No. 2016-1 (La Verkin City 300 West Road Improvements Project) with Sunrise Engineering, for engineering work connected with the possible reconstruction of 300 West Street from Center Street to 110 North Street including some of the public utilities and other related infrastructure.

Mayor Gubler introduced Paul Mogle from Sunrise Engineering; he is here to answer any questions.

Sunrise Engineering is preparing the documents for the 300 West Street Project that the City will need to take to the CIB Board. La Verkin will go before the CIB Board to petition for help in funding this project.

This Work Release gives \$6,000 to Sunrise Engineering for putting the package together (phase one).

There is an item handwritten on page 9, item 4.1. e. This item was supposed to be included in the documents, Sunrise Engineering wrote it in and both Joe and Kyle initialed it.

If La Verkin does not received funding for the 300 West Project, the remainder of this contract will be null & void.

Kyle reported La Verkin is third on the priority list under Five Counties Association of Governments. He has talked to two members of the CIB Board. One indicated he supports the application; the second one wouldn't commit but said it looked like a good application.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Chantelle Browning to approve Work release No. 2016-1 with Sunrise Engineering for engineering work connected with the possible reconstruction of 300 West Street from Center Street to 110 North Street including some of the public utilities and other related infrastructure, second by Councilman Ken Hooten. Roll Call Vote: Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Hooten-yes, Hirschi-yes, Browning-yes. Motion passes unanimously.**

3. Discussion on the different options for use of fireworks within the city limits of La Verkin.

Kevin explained the different options.

Last year fireworks were allowed in City Parks and all City streets located more than 100 feet from any hillside.

Councilman Gubler would like it to be more consistent instead of changing each year.

There was a discussion on who would be responsible for fires on the hill.

Kevin explained currently the resident is responsible or if it were on public land, the city would be billed. The State is in the process of changing the policy so that to the State would cover the cost with fees expected from the city. Those fees have yet to be determined but it is expected to be finished within the next couple of months.

The State billed the City for the fire in 2006 when property by the "L" was burned. It took several years but the City was not required to pay.

Mayor Gubler feels that was largely due to a man who grew up in La Verkin and works for the State Department.

The Councilmembers would like option 3; fireworks allowed at the City owned parks and city streets located more than 100 feet from any hillside.

Kevin will draft that resolution and it will be on the next agenda.

**F. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:**

*City Administrator-Kyle Gubler*

Kyle emailed his report to the Councilmembers.

- The Vintage Park playground is almost done.
- Friday, July 15 La Verkin is going to offer a movie in the park. It will be at Wanlass Park and admission is free.
- The service hour report from La Grande Imlay is attached.
- The Beautification Committee held the hike from the top of the hill. It took about 40 minutes and could be a possibility in the future. It does not connect to the "L", so that would need to be figured out.
- The elementary school has a Leader in Me program and as part of the program the Governor of Utah, Chopper 5 and Nadine Wimmer, the news anchor, all came to show their support.
- There will be an electric powered bus on display at the Dixie Center, Friday at 1pm. The Councilmembers were invited to attend.

Kyle passed out the proposed budget for next year and the budget amendment.

*Public Safety-Chief Ben Lee*

- The evidence room remodel is almost complete. The remodel was necessary not only for space but to help maintain the integrity of the evidence and to better track what is going in and out of the room.  
Officer Crouse has attended training so our department will have the knowledge of how to maintain the evidence room correctly.
- Chief Lee has asked several of his peers to conduct an audit of our department to find the areas that need to be improved. The process should take several months.
- The call volume has increased over the last few weeks.

Councilwoman Browning mentioned she has received reports of people's cats being shot and/or abused. She wondered if any reports were filed and if so, has there been any progress.

Chief replied he has received two reports of cats being shot. He took their information but there are no potential suspects.

*Director of Operations-Derek Imlay*

- The 2016 Road Maintenance Project will finish next week.
- He will get the information on the possible purchase of a crack seal machine to the Councilmembers.
- The filter cycles have increased for the irrigation water. The storms as well as the heat melting the snow pack have affected the River; it is flowing much faster than usual. Until that slows

down, we will continue to cycle more. Motor one did go out but was replaced with one of the backup motors.

Councilman Reeve would like Derek to get the information on the crack seal machine to them before the next meeting; it will make a difference to him on the budget.

*Mayor Gubler*- Nothing to report.

*Browning*-Mosquito Abatement meeting discussed purchasing a tracking machine for the vehicles, not only to make sure the employees are where they are supposed to be but also as proof an area was fogged. The Zika virus has been in the news again with reports the type of mosquito that can carry the virus has been found in our area. These reports are from a report made six years ago when 5 or 6 of these mosquitos were found in traps in the area. The mosquitos didn't live long because they need a wet climate.

To educate people, the only way a person can get the Zika virus is if a mosquito bites an infected person and then bites them. It would be very rare for a person in our area to contract the Zika virus.

Sean Amodt, the director of the Mosquito Abatement, has invented a new type of mosquito trap that uses CO2 tanks instead of dry ice. The traps are being vandalized so they are asking people to be aware if they see anything suspicious to notify them. La Verkin only has one trap, down at Confluence Park. They have also hired several more people so the traps will be checked twice a week.

*Hirschi*-Nothing to report.

*Hooten*- Confluence Park meeting was today, he invited everyone to go down to the Park and see the improvements that have been made. There are table and benches down there now. The Committee is currently working on a camping policy, if anyone has any thoughts on that let him know.

Mayor Gubler reported Robert Sandberg, from the County, is the director of the Committee. He is retiring the end of May. Lynn Chamberlain from Toquerville will take his place.

*Gubler*-Nothing to report.

*Reeve*- If anyone would like a second recycling can, call Dixie Waste directly, they are handling the delivery and billing for that second can.

**G. Executive Session:**

There is no need for an executive session.

**H. Adjourn:**

**Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten to adjourn, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Browning-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hooten-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously at 6:44pm.**

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

June 1, 2016  
Date Approved

ATTEST:

Kyle Gubler  
Kyle Gubler  
City Recorder

Mayor Kerry T. Gubler